Special medical assistance for senior citizens

†521. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any plan to provide special medical assistance to senior citizens in government hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); and

(b) if so, the number of beds reserved for senior citizens in Government hospitals including AIIMS alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In so far as the Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi namely, Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, are concerned, separate registration counters/windows/rows are provided for senior citizens in OPDs to avoid standing in long queue. In addition, assistance like wheelchairs/trolleys are also provided for senior citizens in OPDs of Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. They are attended on priority basis in OPDs. There is a weekly geriatric OPD in Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.

In so far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is concerned, preference is given to senior citizens with regard to OPD consultation, emergency management as well as patient's hospitalization.

In Safdarjung 104 beds are reserved for senior citizens and in other Hospitals including AIIMS, although there is no special reservation of beds for senior citizens, preference is given to them in admission and bed is allowed to them on priority.

Cases of Swine Flu

†522. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of Swine Flu registered till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of deaths due to Swine Flu till date, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has not been able to check this epidemic;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken so far by Government to check the Swine Flu?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The number of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths of Pandemic influenza A (H1N1) [as on 20.11.2009], State-wise is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) No.

(e) Government of India took a series of actions. A comprehensive plan including guidelines and standard operating procedures were put in place.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Entry screening of passengers is continuing at 22 international airports and five international checkpoints. 28 Thermal Scanners have been installed at major international airports. Those found to be suspected of H1N1 were isolated and treated. All their contacts were traced and put on chemoprophylaxis to prevent further spread.

Community surveillance to detect clusters of influenza like illness is being done through Integrated Disease Surveillance Project. Laboratory network has been strengthened and States allocated to different laboratories. There are 42 laboratories (24 in Govt. Sector and 18 in Private Sector) testing the clinical samples. Central teams were deputed to the States of Punjab, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala to contain the disease.

Government of India procured 40 million capsules and 4 lakh bottles of Oseltamivir, the drug to treat H1N1 Flu. 18 million have been given to the States/UTs. Adequate stock of personal protective equipments has been kept. Three Indian manufacturers of Vaccine are being supported to manufacture H1N1 vaccine. Four million doses are being imported to vaccinate the high risk group. Training of district level teams is supported by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. IMA has been provided funds to train private practitioners.

All States have been requested to gear up the State machinery, open large number of screening centres and strengthen isolation facilities and critical care facilities at district level.

A task force in the I&B Ministry is implementing the media plan. Travel advisory, do's and don'ts and other pertinent information on non pharmaceutical interventions to prevent the spread has been widely published in print media and shown in visual media on regular basis. This has been translated to 14 languages and given to the States. Information is also provided on the website: http://mohfw-h1n1.nic.in.

Government of India is monitoring the situation on daily basis.

Statement

Lab Confirmed Cases and Deaths of Influenza A H1N1 as on 20 *November* 2009

Sl.No.	State	Lab confirmed cases	Death of Lab confirmed cases
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	773	49
2.	Karnataka	1562	119
3.	Tamil Nadu	1751	7
4.	Maharashtra	3857	215
5.	Kerala	1202	25
6.	Punjab	51	2
7.	Haryana	951	8

1	2	3	4
8.	Goa	56	5
9.	West Bengal	128	0
10.	Uttarakhand	80	5
11.	Himachal Pradesh	6	1
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	47	0
13.	Gujarat	261	45
14.	Manipur	1	0
15.	Meghalaya	8	0
16.	Mizoram	4	1
17.	Assam	45	0
18.	Jharkhand	1	0
19.	Rajasthan	687	30
20.	Bihar	7	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh	519	3
22.	Chhattishgarh	17	1
23.	Madhya Pradesh	8	1
24.	Orissa	24	2
25.	Nagaland	2	0
26.	Tripura	0	0
27.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
28.	Sikkim	0	0
Union Territories			
29.	Delhi	3960	18
30.	Chandigarh (UT)	107	0
31.	Puducherry	60	6
32.	Daman & Diu	1	0
33.	Andaman & Nicobar	25	0
34.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0
35.	Lakshadweep	0	0